

CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
December 11, 2007

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 6:25pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Kelsi Auday, Paul Barghouth, Vanessa Harsh, Noama Iftekhar, Jennifer Juniega, Kristina Little, Zahida Mubeen, Brian Mulligan, Tammy Nguyen, Zedric Ochoa, Niral Patel, Eric Spinks, Alex Vargas and Anya Vo

Absent: none

Guests: Amisha Patel – Member at Large and student at Wilcox High School

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor  
Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator  
Rich Casem, Recreation Coordinator  
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian

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Matters for City Council Action – None

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- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Zedric Ochoa at 6:11 p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS –  
Amisha Patel – Member at Large and student at Wilcox High School
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 13, 2007 MEETING – Zedric Ochoa made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: III. – should read an, instead of on, IV. – Communications is missing an “i”. Alex Vargas seconded the motion. Vanessa Harsh made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Ferheen Abbasi.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
  - A. Wilcox
    - a. December 5 – Choir Concert
    - b. December 6 – Music Concert
    - c. December 11 – RA Meeting – Per. 4
    - d. December 11 – Classroom toy drive competition ended today
    - e. December 12 – Last to buy Winter Ball tickets
    - f. December 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Drive ends
    - g. December 12 – Fashion show at lunch for Winter Ball
    - h. December 13 – Fall sports awards night
    - i. December 17 – Door decorating contest
    - j. December 18 – Deliver toys to George Mayne Elementary School

- k. December 19 – Minimum day
    - l. December 20 – Winter Ball
  - B. Santa Clara
    - a. December 3 – 14, Food drive
    - b. December 3 – 13, Giving Tree
    - c. December 4 – 19, 12 Days ‘til the holidays
    - d. December 12 – R.A. meeting
    - e. December 19 – Holiday in the quad
    - f. December 20 – Winter Ball
  - C. Peterson
    - a. December 3 – 14, Canned food drive
    - b. December 7 – Dance, “Winter in New York”
  - D. Archbishop Mitty
    - a. December 7 – Christmas dance
    - b. December 13 & 14 – Early dismissal
    - c. December 17 – 19, Finals
    - d. December 20 – January 2, Christmas vacation
  - E. St. Francis
    - a. December 8 – Christmas dance
    - b. December 14 – 19, finals
    - c. December 20 – January 6, Christmas vacation
  - F. Library
    - a. December 13 – Read Santa Clara Christmas party
    - b. December 13 – Card making
    - c. December 18 – Movie/book discussion, “Princess Bride” at 4:00pm
- V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – none
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Gobble Gobble at the Teen Center, November 16 – Santa Clara and Wilcox high schools sold food to help raise money for their clubs. Sign-ups were taken on a first come-first serve basis, with 8 clubs from Wilcox high school and 6 clubs from Santa Clara high school.
  - B. Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 7 – The Youth Commission painted faces for donations, passed out candy canes and programs at the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. The money raised from the face painting will go towards the Community Service Scholarship fund.
- VII. COMMITTEE MEETINGS
  - A. Transportation – The Transportation committee met to continue their discussion about the possibility of developing a transportation system for the youth in Santa Clara. The committee would like to see the shuttle run from 2:30pm – 7:00pm, in order to help get kids from school to various parks and recreation facilities in Santa Clara. The suggested stops would be Wilcox high school, Santa Clara high school, Community Recreation Center, Central Library and Teen Center. A committee meeting was set for December 18 at 4:30pm
  - B. Intergenerational – The Intergenerational committee met to continue their discussion on their two events that they have scheduled for 2008. On February

8<sup>th</sup>, the Commission is planning a Benefit Bingo, spaghetti dinner at the Senior Center. The benefit is to help raise money for the Humane Society in Santa Clara. On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Commission is planning the “Forever Young” Intergenerational Dance at the Senior Center. A committee meeting was set for December 18 at 5:30pm.

- C. Moondance Film Festival – The Moondance Festival committee met to continue their discussion about the festival. The date has been set for May 30 and will be held at the Teen Center. Commissioners from Wilcox and Santa Clara high schools are talking to their film classes and recruiting students to make films for the event. A committee meeting was set for December 18 at 6:00pm.
- D. BMX Park – The BMX committee met to continue their discussion on the possibility of developing a BMX park in Santa Clara. Larry Wolfe talked with a Curtis Beavers who is interested in helping the Youth Commission get started with the planning phase. Curtis will be meeting a few of the Youth Commissioners at the Calabazas BMX Park in San Jose on December 4. A committee meeting was set for December 18 at 6:30pm.
- E. Philanthropy – The Philanthropy committee met to continue discussing the different organizations that they’d like to help raise money for. The Commission is looking into the following possibilities: Bone Marrow drive for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Humane Society and schools in Africa. As of now, they are working on a Benefit Bingo, Spaghetti feed to help raise money for the Humane Society. A committee meeting was set for December 18 at 5:00pm.
- F. Youth Commission T-shirt design – The T-shirt committee met to continue discussing options for their new T-shirt. Jennifer Herb and the committee members played with a couple different options on the computer and picked the logo and colors. They will report back to the rest of the Commission to get the final go-ahead. A committee meeting was set for December 18 at 7:00pm.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Youth Commission logo/T-shirt design – The committee passed around the logo and color idea that they came up with at the committee meeting. The group was not 100% in favor of the selection and made recommendations for a different color. The committee will go back to the drawing board and come up with another idea and report back.
- B. Letters to Santa, December 3 – 21 – The Youth Commission will be responding to children’s letters to Santa.
- C. Casino Night at the Teen Center, December 14 – The Teen Center will be hosting the annual Casino Night. This year, the focus will be on an old favorite, Bingo.
- D. Teen Center hours during the holidays – The Teen Center hours will be shortened during the holidays, closing at 6:00pm.
- E. Final Spot, January 22 – 25 – The Teen Center will be open earlier during finals, to allow students to come and study. The Teen Center will also provide activities for students to help relieve some of the stress that comes with studying.
- F. Benefit Bingo Night, January 25<sup>th</sup> or February 1<sup>st</sup>? – The date of February 8<sup>th</sup> was selected by the Youth Commission for the Benefit Bingo Night.

#### IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – none

- X. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Eric Spinks and seconded by Niral Patel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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